

## REMARKS

Claims 22 - 41 are pending in the application.

Appropriate headings have been added to the specification, and claims from the literal translation have been replaced by claims drafted in conformity with U.S. Patent practice.

The application in its amended state is believed to be in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions, or wish to discuss the merits of the application, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to expedite placement of the application into condition for allowance.

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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1 – 21: Cancelled

22. (New) An armored wheeled vehicle composed of individual sections, comprising:
- a drive section (1) containing a drive unit;
  - a mission section (2) adapted to be detachably coupled to a rear portion of said drive section (1) via a vertical plane of separation, wherein in a coupling cross-section said drive section has at least one of a rear wall (4.1-4.5) and a frame profile, and said mission section (2) has at least one of a front wall (5.1-5.5) and a frame profile, wherein said frame profile extends about at least a portion of a periphery of the pertaining section; and
- positively operating coupling means (7.1-7.1', 7.2, 9.1-9.4, 9.1'-9.4) for rigidly coupling together, at at least two locations of peripheries thereof, said rear and front walls, and/or said frame profiles, which during a coupling process are placed against one another.
23. (New) A wheeled vehicle according to claim 22, wherein said rear wall and said front wall each have a passageway opening.
24. (New) A wheeled vehicle according to claim 22, wherein said coupling means are embodied as self-centering bolt/hole connections.
25. (New) A wheeled vehicle according to claim 24, wherein if two coupling means are provided, one of said holes is embodied as a slot.
26. (New) A wheeled vehicle according to claim 22, wherein said coupling means are provided with automatically engaging interlocking devices.
27. (New) A wheeled vehicle according to claim 22, wherein to transfer tension

forces from bending, and/or for prestressing the structure of said vehicle, said rear wall and said front wall, and/or said frame profiles, are connectable to one another in a region between said coupling means via screw connections or pull strap connections.

28. (New) A wheeled vehicle according to claim 27, wherein said screw or pull strap connections are adapted to be automatically prestressed.

29. (New) A wheeled vehicle according to claim 22, wherein connecting devices having self-centering connection elements (8.1, 8.2) are provided for coupling electrical and/or hydraulic and/or pneumatic devices in said drive section (1) and said mission section (2).

30. (New) A wheeled vehicle according to claim 29, wherein said connecting devices for electrical and/or hydraulic and/or pneumatic connections are disposed at freely mounted, self-centering coupling plates (8.1, 8.2) in a rear portion of said drive section (1) and on a front portion of said mission section (2).

31. (New) A wheeled vehicle according to claim 22, wherein dampening means are disposed in the region of said plane of separation between placed against one another rear wall and front wall, or said frame profiles, of said drive section and said mission section.

32. (New) A wheeled vehicle according to claim 22, wherein for a ballistic protection of said vehicle in the region of said plane of separation, structural sheets and/or protective plates are provided that overlap separating planes between said drive section and said mission section.

33. (New) A wheeled vehicle according to claim 22, wherein a peripheral seal (6.2) is disposed in the region of said plane of separation between said placed against one another rear wall and front wall, and/or said frame profiles, of said drive section and said mission section.

34. (New) A wheeled vehicle according to claim 33, wherein said peripheral seal is embodied as an inflatable seal.

35. (New) A wheeled vehicle according to claim 22, wherein in a region of said plane of separation projecting and recessed parts (1.3, 2.3) of said vehicle are disposed on said drive

section (1) and said mission section (2) in such a way that in a coupled state of said drive section and said mission section, a rear portion of said drive section extends below at least parts of a front portion of said mission section.

36. (New) A wheeled vehicle according to claim 22, wherein a driver stand is provided in said drive section (1) and a personnel compartment is disposed in said mission section (2), and wherein in a coupled state said driver stand and said personnel compartment communicate with one another by means of passageways (6, 6.1) that are closed off toward the outside.

37. (New) A wheeled vehicle according to claim 22, wherein said drive section is a single-axle drive section that is provided with supports (2.2) or support wheels that can be extended or folded out.

38. (New) A wheeled vehicle according to claim 22, which is composed of one drive section and at least two successively arranged mission sections.

39. (New) A wheeled vehicle according to claim 38, wherein at least one of said mission sections (2) is equipped with a weapon (3).

40. (New) A wheeled vehicle according to claim 22, wherein said drive unit of said drive section (1) is embodied as a diesel electric drive having electrical drive motors that are disposed in wheel hubs of said drive section (1) and of said mission section (2), and wherein batteries are provided in said mission section for supplying the drive motors of said mission section.

41. (New) A wheeled vehicle according to claim 40, wherein said mission section is provided with support wheels, and wherein an auxiliary control device is provided for carrying out independent shunting movements of said mission section.